

MISS LANGHORNE IS NOT ENGAGED

Does Not Even Know Prince Francis of Teck, Brother of Prince of Wales.

HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED

Is Now at Her Country Place, "Mirador," in Albemarle County, With Her Father.

The New York Times of yesterday printed the following from Washington:

Society here and in Virginia is deeply interested in a rumor from London to the effect that Miss Nora Langhorne, youngest of the five handsome daughters of C. D. Langhorne, of Albemarle county, Va., has captured the heart and received an offer of the hand of Prince Francis of Teck, the good-looking brother of the Princess of Wales.

That Prince Francis's family were willing that he should marry a wealthy American has been known for some time, but Miss Langhorne has not a great fortune. Her brother-in-law, Waldorf Astor, and the latter's father, William Waldorf Astor, however, have more money than they know what to do with, and are said to be heartily in favor of an alliance that would place them in the innermost circle of English society, which, as is well known, has not taken very kindly to the older Astors. The latter is already reaping the benefit of the popularity of his daughter-in-law, who was Miss Nannie Langhorne and who at the time of her marriage to young Waldorf Astor, Mrs. Shaw, having married and divorced Robert Gould Shaw, of Boston, in a surprisingly short time after leaving the school-room.

It was under her chaperone that Miss Nora Langhorne made her London debut last season and at once attracted the admiration of the smart world.

Should the alliance in question be arranged, the Astors will receive full credit for the match, as without a handsome dot from him it would be impossible for Prince Francis to think seriously of marrying the charming Virginian.

Miss Langhorne's sisters are all handsome and popular matrons, just as they were great Southern belles. They are Mrs. R. Moncreux Perkins, of Richmond; Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, of New York; Mrs. Reginald Brooks, of Boston; and Mrs. Waldorf Astor. Their father's estate, Mirador, in the mountains of Albemarle county, has been in the possession of the family for many generations, and although somewhat run down since the war, is still a beautiful property.

Young Mr. Astor, who passed several weeks at Mirador last September, is said to be anxious to restore the estate to its condition before the war, when the grandfather of his bride was the owner of a thousand slaves and everything about the land and mansion was kept in the highest state of order.

"My daughter, Nora, has never met Prince Francis of Teck," said Mr. Cheswell Dabney Langhorne, when communicated with last night at "Mirador," his country home near Greenwood, in Albemarle county. Mr. Langhorne denies positively that there is any truth in the story that the brother of the Princess of Wales is a suitor for his daughter's hand.

Miss Nora Langhorne, the youngest and the only unmarried of the beautiful Langhorne girls, has been stopping in Richmond for the past two weeks with her sister, Mrs. T. Moncreux Perkins, in two days ago a friend of "Mirador," where she and her father will remain until Easter.

Mrs. Perkins is authority for the statement that Miss Nora Langhorne has never been introduced into society and has never been to the country home of Prince Francis, who, however, is a friend of Mrs. Waldorf Astor, of Cliveden, one of her sisters.

Miss Nora Langhorne spent the past winter in Switzerland, and only visited England for two weeks last month. At that time she was confined to her room by illness and did not accept social invitations, sailing for America as soon as her physician permitted her to be moved.

She is a school girl, but nineteen years old, and has only within the last few months completed her education, and will not be introduced into society until next winter.

The Langhorne family recent the story which has been going the rounds in Virginia for several weeks, and which they declare is totally without foundation.

STAKES LIFE AND MONEY AGAINST DOCTOR'S SKILL

NEW YORK, March 17.—"The" Allen, the prizefighter, has offered, offers to gamble his life, and that, when the medical profession holds the odds against him.

"I'll stake my life and \$20,000 against the skill of all the medical profession," said "The."

"I am, and have been for years a victim of locomotor ataxia. If science can learn anything by the use of me and my \$20,000 to relieve the sufferings of others afflicted as I am, then I am willing to take the risk. I will submit to any torture he may propose."

"Every hour of my life for years has been passed through exercise of sheer will-power. Had I become discouraged I would have died. I have traveled all over the world in search of relief, but have found no cure."

MATE SENT TO PRISON FOR BEATING HIS SAILORMEN

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 17.—A ward Van Horn, first mate of the ship Helena Wyman, will be sent to the Federal prison at Atlanta, where he will serve thirty months for inflicting corporal punishment on members of his crew while in South American waters.

In a survey between Chicago and St. Louis an error of only one-half inch was made.

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NEWS GATHERED FROM OUTSIDE

Superintendent Bennett Talks on Anti-Saloon League at Bainbridge-Street Church.

GIVES INTERESTING DATA

Two Bazaars to Open in City Tonight—To Rehearse "Mrs. Wiggs."

Manchester Bureau, Times-Dispatch, No. 102 Hull Street.

Yesterday was field day for the Anti-Saloon League in the Baptist Church of the city, and the pulpits of those churches were filled by representatives of the league.

Last night at Bainbridge Street Baptist Church Rev. Dr. R. H. Bennett, superintendent of the league, delivered an address upon the temperance question, and outlined the purposes of the organization and reviewed the work it has accomplished in the State. In his discourse he gave some statistics, which were most interesting. Dr. Bennett said in part as follows:

"In November, 1906, there were 1,068 saloons in Virginia. 657 of the 1,068 were in four counties and their cities, viz., Henrico, Norfolk, Warwick, and Elizabeth City, 401 out of the 657 were in the latter three counties. It is worth noting, too, that saloons have decreased during the last three years in nearly all the cities of the State, except Norfolk and Norfolk, where there has been an increase of nearly twenty per cent."

"Crime increased likewise in Norfolk and Norfolk county, Norfolk county more than doubling its criminal expenses. Hence in the section of the State where saloons increased, crime increased most."

"Eighty-six and eight-tenths per cent of all the incorporated towns in Virginia are without saloons."

"Not a town under local option has voted to return the saloon within four and a half years, though such was the unanimous vote before the league was organized."

"Over two-thirds of the inhabitants of the State live in no-saloon territory."

"A law has been enacted making the possession of a United States tax receipt prima facie evidence of guilt."

"The Mann law has closed nearly all saloons in the State."

"Nearly one-half of the saloons of the State have been closed since the league was organized."

"A law has been enacted to define what constitutes a saloon, and to organize an athletic association for the benefit of the students attending the different schools in the city. During the winter months nothing of importance has been done in the shape of athletics, except merely to keep alive the organization and stimulate interest in baseball, especially during the spring months."

"Manchester High School, it is confidently believed, can have an excellent ball team, and already since the weather has moderated practicing has begun. The baseball team is arranging to secure balls, gloves, bats, and so on, and is ready to accept challenges from high school and academy teams who wish a good, clean game of ball. None but bona fide students of the schools will be allowed to participate in any of the games. Mr. Moseley will be glad to correspond with any and all managers of nearby preparatory school teams with reference to games."

"To Sell Valuable Property. Messrs. Toney, Smith & Co. will hold public sale of public auctions known in the city for some time on next Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The sale will include ten offers, which are as follows: The two-story brick building on Hull Street, between Eighth and Ninth Streets; the corner lot at Ninth and Hull Streets, 129 feet front on Hull Street; the residence No. 14 East Eleventh Street; the double tenement Nos. 10 and 12 East Eleventh Street; two double tenement frame dwellings Nos. 1419, 1421, 1423 and 1425 Bainbridge Street; the four-room cottage on West Fourteenth Street; a five-room dwelling at the corner of Hull Street and the Leonard Streets; the nine-room frame dwelling on Sixteenth Street, between Hull and Decatur Streets; four three-room cottages on West Twenty-first Street, and a lot 330 feet on Madison Street."

Bazaar Opens To-Night. The joint bazaar, to be given under the auspices of the Eagles' Band and Lily Council, Daughters of Liberty, will be opened to-night at 8 o'clock. The booths have already been erected, and the hall has been decorated for the occasion. The affair promises to be a great success, as both organizations have many friends in the city.

The Bazaar to be given by the ladies of Stockton Street Baptist Church, will be opened to-night in the Masonic Temple. Each night there will be a change in the program.

News Briefs. Mr. George DuVal, of Porter Street, butler for Dayton, Ohio, where he goes to accept a position.

A large number of persons went to Richmond last night to attend the meeting at the Academy of Music.

Rev. C. Woodward is in Norfolk, where he preached yesterday.

A rehearsal of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" will be held in the Porter Street, to-night at 8 o'clock.

George Craig (White) and Henry Coleman (Colored) were arrested at the corner of Hull and Hull Streets, where all that could be handled, and the Petersburg cars were packed throughout the day. The beautiful spring weather of yesterday is accountable for the heavy travel. In most instances the crowds were well taken care of, sufficient cars having been provided for the rush.

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WATER-WORKS AT GREENSBORO

Affairs of Water Works Company Are Wound Up and 40 Per Cent Dividend Paid.

CITY HAS EXCELLENT PLANT

Will Bring in Revenue Enough to Pay Off Annual Interest on City Debt.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GREENSBORO, N. C., March 17.—In Federal Court yesterday Mr. R. R. King made his final report as receiver for the Greensboro Water Works Company, and was discharged by the court.

Mr. King reported the sum of \$2,387 on hand after having paid all judgments and costs against the company, and a former payment of thirty-eight per cent dividend to the stockholders. Judge Boyd ordered that the amount on hand be distributed pro rata among the stockholders, which makes their realization about forty per cent of the \$75,000 which the city agreed to pay for the project. The stockholders have been locked up for several years pending litigation, wherein citizens of Greensboro had sued the company for damages for failure to have a sufficient flow of water to prevent the disastrous fire here five years ago, when the Guilford Hotel and several other buildings were burned. The cases were fought to the highest court of the United States, the plaintiffs finally winning the point contended for. The six-story hotel, which has thus been consumed in paying these judgments, the costs, fees, etc., of this litigation.

An interesting coincidence with this winding up of the old water works company is the report made yesterday by Messrs. B. H. Merrimon and E. P. Wharton, members of the Water and Light Commission, that the new Reedy fork extension of the water works has been completed and turned over to the city. The report shows that at a total cost of \$250,000 (including the \$75,000 originally paid for the plant), the city now owns the best-equipped plant in the State at a cost of less than half that of similar systems elsewhere. The present new or supplementary supply of water is brought by gravity from Reedy Fork Creek, seven miles distant, through redwood piping, the reservoir having a capacity of twelve million gallons. The present pumping equipment will furnish 5,000,000 per day, and is so arranged that with an expenditure of \$5,000 the daily supply will amount to 10,000,000 gallons. The commission declares the plant is easily worth half a million dollars, and gives high praise to Superintendent of the Water Works William T. Sergeant, for his faithful and inestimable services in putting the plant in such fine condition at such low cost. They also say that with the expenditure of \$25,000 more in running additional mains throughout the city the consumption of water, a charge of only ten cents a thousand gallons, will yield enough revenue to pay off the present indebtedness on the entire bonded indebtedness (about \$800,000) of the city, besides furnishing free water for extensive flushing and other sanitary purposes.

The capital necessary for the construction of the new plant has been obtained, and unless the unexpected happens, work will begin on the new route and will be vigorously pushed to completion.

AMERICANS WAR WITH ITALIANS

Hot Fight on Steamer Running Between Exposition and Newport News.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 17.—Several persons were injured and one man thrown overboard on the Ivy Avenue pier just across Hampton Roads from the Jamestown Exposition Grounds during a fight late this evening. As a big crowd of people returning from the Exposition Grounds were disembarking from a steamer, Peter Bogadas, an Italian fruit dealer, and W. B. Barnes became involved in a difficulty, and the Italian stabbed his opponent with a long knife. Friends of the injured man came to his rescue. Then several other Italians and Bogadas's wife joined in the fray. Bogadas flourished his knife wildly, and the women and children in the crowd began to run about the pier screaming for a time. "I never knew whiskey was good for cleaning. I came near throwing Flido in before he died."

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The First Twinge

Of Rheumatism Calls for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills If You Would Be Easily Cured.

Mr. Frank Little, a well known citizen of Portland, Iowa county, Mich., was cured of a severe case of rheumatism by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. In speaking about it recently, he said: "My body was run down and in no condition to withstand disease, and about five years ago I began to feel rheumatic pains in my arms and across my back. My arms and legs grew numb and the rheumatism seemed to settle in every joint, so that I could hardly move, while my arms were useless at times. I was unable to sleep or rest well, and my heart pained me so terribly I could hardly stand it. My stomach became sour and bloated after eating, and this grew so bad that I had inflammation of the stomach. I was extremely nervous, and could not bear the least noise or excitement. One whole side of my body became paralyzed."

"As I said before, I had been suffering about five years, and seemed to be able to get no relief from my doctors, when a friend here in Portland told me how Dr. Williams' Pink Pills had cured him of rheumatism in the face, even after the pain had drawn it to one side. I decided to try the pills, and began to see some improvement soon after using them. This encouraged me to keep on until I was able to get on my feet. I had a return of the rheumatism or of the paralysis. The pills are for sale by all druggists or sent, postpaid, on receipt of price—50 cents per box; six boxes \$2.50 by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y."

ELECTRIC LINE TO MONTREAL

Road Will Be Built from Biltmore to Presbyterian Settlement.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., March 17.—An electric railway line from Biltmore to Montreal, which has been contemplated for some time, now seems to have taken definite shape, and a corps of surveyors are at present engaged in making a preliminary survey of the route. The proposed line will connect at Biltmore, with the Asheville trolley system.

The distance between Biltmore and Montreal, by the proposed new route, will be about eighteen miles. The line will run along the northern side of the Swannanoa River for most of the distance. This is one of the prettiest streams in the State, and the route would be a beautiful one, and no doubt prove very attractive to summer visitors. There would also be much local traffic along the road, the line running through a rich farming country which naturally prove a great boon to farmers, and those who have country houses along the Swannanoa River. It is also anticipated that the new line will be of great assistance in further developing the rapidly-growing Presbyterian colony at the beautiful Biltmore settlement, formerly the property of John S. Huyler, of New York, but recently acquired by the Presbyterian board of Christian work.

The villages of Swannanoa and Black Mountain, through which the proposed line will run, will also, of course, be greatly benefited. The capital necessary for the construction of the road has been obtained, and unless the unexpected happens, work will begin on the new route and will be vigorously pushed to completion.

DRANK WHISKEY FIDO HAD BEEN BATHED IN

Maid-Servant Had Given It to Hoboes to Clean Picture Frames With.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Two tramps called yesterday morning at the home of Thomas J. Blodgett, 130 West 12th street, and asked for Maggie Thomas, the maid-servant.

"Clean these picture frames and I will give you a good breakfast," through a long knife at the man, and the Italian stabbed his opponent with a long knife. Friends of the injured man came to his rescue. Then several other Italians and Bogadas's wife joined in the fray. Bogadas flourished his knife wildly, and the women and children in the crowd began to run about the pier screaming for a time. "I never knew whiskey was good for cleaning. I came near throwing Flido in before he died."

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IF GUILTY DAILY WILL FACE DEATH

Young Telegraph Operator Charged With Abduction to Be Tried To-Day.

MISS WILLIS AT THE ASYLUM

Crime Is of Revolting Nature, and People of Williamsburg Greatly Stirred.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WILLIAMSBURG, Va., March 17.—J. J. Bailey, the young operator at Grove, the station just below Williamsburg, who was arrested here yesterday on a charge of abducting one of the female inmates of the Eastern State Hospital, will be given a preliminary hearing before Mayor Warburton to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Nothing very definite concerning the case can be found out, as Dr. Brunk, superintendent of the institution and the other officers connected with the case refuse absolutely to give out anything, wishing to avoid publicity as much as possible.

As to whether the young man or any person committed the crime which the current reports charge, the officials refuse to say until the preliminary trial. Young Bailey, however, was arrested on a charge of abduction, and the officers for the prosecution seem to be confident that they have enough evidence to send him to the grand jury. The friends of the young man, on the other hand, seem to be equally confident of proving his innocence.

The story as reported around the city is one of a peculiarly revolting nature, and the citizens are greatly wrought up about it. The sentiment, however, is not directed especially against the young man who has been arrested, as no definite evidence has been heard against him.

Much sympathy for the contrary has been created for him. Miss Willis, the girl, whom it is charged was abducted, is a beautiful young girl of Richmond, and has been an inmate at the institution for some time. She has been improving notably, and her friends, who are now on a fair road to recovery, the young lady, it seems, escaped from the institution last Tuesday night after one of the semi-weekly dances. It is said that she made her way unaided to Grove, where she was charged. The accused man kept her for the night for a most foul purpose, and took her next morning to Lee Hall, where he put her on the train for Williamsburg, the young lady making her way to Richmond. It was found out here that she had reached her home Thursday morning.

Guards were immediately sent to Richmond, and the young girl was brought back to the institution. As to what evidence the Commonwealth has against Bailey, nothing definite can be said. The officials seem to be holding their evidence to bring against the accused until the preliminary trial. To-morrow morning will be a trying time for the accused man, as it will then be decided whether he will go free an innocent man or be put on trial possibly for his life.

Miss Willis's uncle will be here in the morning.

Father Will Not Go. Captain Byrd Willis, father of the Miss Willis who, it is alleged, was abducted from the Eastern State Hospital, at Williamsburg, on Friday night by a man named Bailey, telegraph operator at Lee Hall, stated last night that he did not expect to go down to Williamsburg, as Mr. Norvell Henley, Commonwealth's attorney of Williamsburg, would prosecute the case with all necessary vigor.

Mr. Henley has been up to see Captain Willis, and stated to the latter that he would keep him in touch with the progress of events. As to whether he would go to Williamsburg, he decided not to go to Williamsburg, as the advice of his friends, who saw no good that could be accomplished by his going. The case comes up this morning.

WHITE STAR LINER "SUEVIC" ASHORE

There Are Four Hundred Passengers Aboard, But No Loss of Life Is Anticipated.

LONDON, March 17.—The White Star liner Suevic struck on the rocks and went ashore near the Lizard, in a thick fog, at 11:30 o'clock to-night.

Two lifeboats have been launched and others have been summoned to go to the assistance of the vessel.

There are about 400 passengers and 160 members of the crew on board the Suevic, but no loss of life is anticipated.

The Suevic went ashore on what is known as Maentere Rock, under a lighthouse.

The White Star liner Suevic, which is commanded by Captain Selby, is of 12,500 tons, and plies between London and Australia, by way of Capetown.

FRENCH STEVEDORES RIOT; ONE MAN IS KILLED

NANTES, FRANCE, March 17.—The strike of the stevedores of this port resulted to-day in violent rioting, in the course of which a spectator was shot dead. A mob of stone throwers, darts and police, who dispersed the crowd with drawn sabres.

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C. F. FERGUSON IS MURDERED

Postmaster of Newsoms Found Dead in Newport News.

THE BODY HAD BEEN ROBBED

Police Think He Was Drugged and Discoloration Seems to Bear Out This Theory.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, Va., March 17.—C. F. Ferguson, postmaster and merchant at Newsoms, Southampton county, Va., was found dead in a lane leading to the wharf of the Bennett Steamship Line, just off Water Street, early this morning. It is thought that death was the result of a drug administered by some one for the purpose of robbery, although Coroner Knight, after a careful autopsy, stated that he could find no signs of foul play.

Ferguson had been drinking heavily. To support the drugging theory is the fact that the face of the dead man had turned purple by noon today. The coroner will conduct an inquest on Tuesday, at which time he hopes that he will be able to assign without question the cause of the man's death.

Body Was Robbed.

Ferguson wore an handsome gold watch, with his initials engraved on it, and to which a chain and charm were attached. These were missing as was everything else the man's pockets may have contained. His pockets were turned wrong side out. Nothing was left in them by which he may have been identified, and the police were for some time at a loss as to the identity of the man.

A Masonic emblem which Ferguson wore and which the pickpocket overlooked, finally gave the police a clue, and the body was later positively identified by Mayor Clerk E. M. Barden, who has known Ferguson intimately for many years. Ferguson is not supposed to have had a great amount of money on his person, or much else of value, save the watch and its appendages. Two rings of small value were left on a finger. Ferguson was last seen last night about 8 o'clock, seated at a sidewalk table, leaning against a brick wall, and was there and in that position that he was found this morning. Whether the body was robbed before or after death it is not known. Doctor Knight thinks that death may have been the result of alcoholism. The police will conduct a searching investigation into the case. Ferguson was an unmarried man, aged thirty-eight years, and was a native of Ohio.

NEGRO KILLED BY C. & O. TRAIN